

- 1849 U.S. Department of the Interior established
- 1854 Henry David Thoreau's *Walden; or, Life in the Woods*
- Quote
- 1858 Mt. Vernon Ladies Association acquires 200 acres of George Washington's estate
one of the 1st acts of private historic preservation in the United States
- *1860 80% of the population of the U.S. lives in rural areas
- 1863 designed- Frederick Law Olmsted
- 1864 *Man and Nature*- George Perkins Marsh
- 1872 Yellowstone as the nation's- and the world's 1st national park
Frederick Billings
- Tree-Planting Day 1st observed in Nebraska- Arbor Day
- 1885 NY State creates large Forest Reserves- Adirondack & Catskill Mats. Niagara Falls State Reservation- 1st state park in the eastern U.S.
- 1880s Dr. Seward Webb and Lila Vanderbilt Webb- 4,000 acres of farmland
Shelburne Farms
(Picture)
- 1891 Congress passes the Forest Reserve Act- President power to establish forest reserves
Benjamin Harrison set aside 1st in Wyoming
(1907- forest reserves renamed "National Forests")
- 1892 Adirondack Park established
Today 6 million acres- largest in contiguous 48 states
- 1897 Congress enacts the Forest Management Act- Forest Reserves as national resources for timber harvesting, grazing, and mining
- Gifford Pinchot is appointed chief of the Division of Forestry in the Department of Agriculture precursor to the U.S. Forest Service
- Pinchot becomes an important person in conservation
- 1901 *Our National Parks*- John Muir

- 1905 The Bureau of Forestry becomes the U.S. Forest Service

 Gifford Pinchot becomes its first chief
 Forest Reserves transferred from Dept. of the Interior to the Forest Service
- *1910 Over half the population of the U.S. lives in rural areas
- 1916 National Park Service established
 Steven T. Mather is appointed first Director

 Acadia National Park- 1st National Park east of the Mississippi

 John D. Rockefeller Jr. and a private citizen's group helps
- 1921 Benton MacKaye proposes a trail & wilderness belt along the mountain ranges of the eastern U.S.
 Later became the Appalachian Trail
- 1935 Historic Sites and Buildings Act-
 Secretary of the Interior can document, acquire, & preserve historic places
- 1949 National Trust for Historic Preservation
 protect historic buildings, neighborhoods, & landscapes
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act
 federal preservation grants to the states
- 1970 Quotation - *The Lorax*
- *1980 1/4 of the population lives in rural areas- less than 3% live on farms
- 1987 *Our Common Future* - report of the World Commission on Environment and Development calls for achieving "Sustainable development"

 "Think Globally, Act Locally"
- 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro
 170 countries to discuss global environmental issues